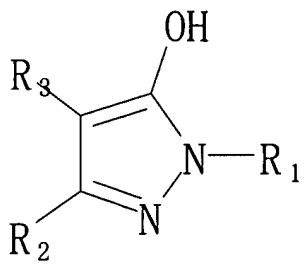


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-8. (Canceled)**

**9. (Currently amended)** A AAn inhibitor of protein modification products formation comprising  
a compound of formula (II)

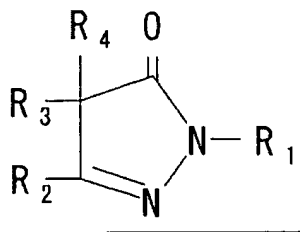


~~according to claim 2,~~

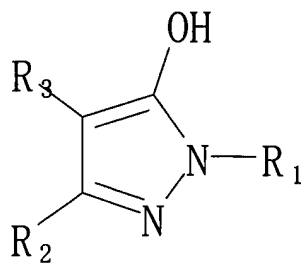
wherein ~~the~~ R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl group, ~~the~~ R<sub>2</sub> is methyl group, ~~the~~ and R<sub>3</sub> is 6-methyl-1,3-dihydrofuro-[3,4-c]-pyridin-7-ol group in formula (II), in free or salt form.

**10-23. (Canceled)**

**24. (Currently amended)** A compound of formula (I)



or formula (II)



wherein R4 is a hydrogen atom or monovalent organic group~~A compound according to claim 22,~~  
and wherein the R1 is phenyl group, the R2 is methyl group, the~~and~~ R3 is 6-methyl-1,3-  
dihydrofuro-[3,4-c]-pyridin-7-ol group, in free or salt form.

**25-26. (Canceled)**